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COUNTRY The Netherland (Curacao) CIA 25X1A [redacted]

SUBJECT KLM (Royal Dutch Airline) Base at Curacao. DATE 22 Apr 54

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1. [redacted] KLM (Royal Dutch Airline) base at Curacao was in [redacted]. This base is a minor operation for KLM. Total employment at the base approximates 325 people and, of this total, [redacted] are maintenance personnel. Quality-wise the maintenance program is on a level with the other world-wide bases of KLM and, by comparison with continental US maintenance, Curacao operations would be evaluated as good to very good. This quality work is due directly to Dutch supervisory personnel in all key positions. As of February 1954, the key men at Curacao were: 25X1X 25X1X

M. Koster - Manager of KLM's West Indies Division

W. J. Helder - Chief, Technical Section

H. Felix and J. W. Hoogman - Assistants to Chief, Technical Section

F. C. Brower - Chief, Planning Bureau

A. D. Smithmaar - General Operations Manager

P. Wildschut - Operations Manager, Caribbean Division

2. The spare parts inventory is in adequate shape for DC-3, DC-4, Super Connies, and Convair 340s. KLM has now completed the assignment of six relatively new 340s to this base. Hangar facilities are not satisfactory in that they will take only a DC-3. Complete airframe maintenance can be done on the DC-3s and 4s as well as the 340s. Turn-around maintenance is accomplished for the Super Connies and DC-6.

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